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All but one of the documents cited in the communication were previously cited in an Information Disclosure Statement filed in this application on April 11, 2002. The previously uncited document is listed on the Form PTO 1449. A copy of this document is attached. Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the listed documents and evidence that consideration by making appropriate notations on the attached form.

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	Notice of Rejection from the Japanese Patent Office with a list of citations, dated April 13, 2004, in the counterpart Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-372954.
	Ohgane, Jun et al., "Analysis of CpG islands of trophoblast giant cells by restriction landmark genomic scanning," <i>Developmental Genetics</i> 22:132-140 (1998).

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